

**STATUS REPORT TO THE INDEPENDENT MONITOR
SUBMITTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT**

The parties to the Collaborative Agreement, the Plaintiff Class, who is represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio; the City of Cincinnati and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) (collectively referred to as “the parties” or the collaborative partners”) submit this status report to the Independent Monitor, pursuant to Collaborative Agreement paragraph 105.

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INTRODUCTION

This Report is intended to advise the Independent Monitor as to the continuing progress that the Parties have made since the issuance of the Monitor's Fifth Status Report on January 15, 2004. The Independent Monitor oversees implementation of both the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City and the United States Department of Justice, and the Collaborative Agreement (CA) between the City and the ACLU and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The MOA is appended to the CA and is enforceable solely through paragraph 113 of the Collaborative Agreement.

The purpose of the Collaborative Agreement is to resolve conflict, to improve community-police relations, to reduce crime and disorder, to fully resolve the pending claims of all individuals and organizations named in the underlying litigation, to implement the consensus goals identified by the community through the collaborative process, and to foster an atmosphere throughout the community of mutual respect and trust among community members, including the police. The Parties recognize that there has been friction between some members of both the community and the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD). The ultimate goal of the Agreement is to reduce that friction and foster a safer community where mutual trust and respect are enhanced among citizens and police.

Implementation will not only reform police practice, but will enhance trust, communication, and cooperation between the police and the community. The City of Cincinnati, the FOP, and the Plaintiffs continue to be optimistic, enthusiastic, and committed to this endeavor.

This report provides a status update on the work executed by the following committees, which were established to fully implement the terms and conditions stipulated in the Agreement:

- Community Problem Oriented Policing Committee
- Mutual Accountability Evaluation Committee
- Department of Justice Memorandum of Agreement Committee
- Fair, Equitable and Courteous Treatment Committee
- Citizen Complaint Authority Committee

Community Problem Oriented Policing

Police tactics designed to maintain community order have traditionally focused on a law enforcement approach. In theory, this approach suggests that order will be achieved by the deterrence and to some extent, the incarceration of offenders that engage in criminal activity by strict police enforcement of laws. To some degree these tactics are still valid, given police must continue immediate intervention into numerous circumstances that jeopardize the safety of the community. For many other issues, a structured approach is effective in identifying and rectifying those issues that contribute to certain crime and disorder conditions. Community Problem Oriented Policing or CPOP is the process that will assist police and the community in identifying and addressing issues that threaten the overall quality of life. The Parties to this Agreement are charged with the responsibility of implementing a problem oriented policing process. Since this concept is not necessarily new to law enforcement, there are temptations to blindly adapt similar strategies used in other jurisdictions around the country. The Parties, however, have resisted these temptations and have cautiously moved forward to implement a program that best fits the needs unique to Cincinnati. CPOP will facilitate community needs and involvement through two main components; a City Action Plan and a Community Partnering Plan. The City Plan will ensure the coordination of city agencies, while the Community Partnering Plan, through the Community Police Partnering Center, will address community training and community engagement issues relative to the CPOP process. Technology will assist the effort with the implementation of a CPOP website that will track progress of problem solving activities. Additionally, the website is capable of directing the user to a number of links that will allow the involved parties access to information that will identify and outline the effectiveness of practices that have been previously deployed for similar problems. The user can also access additional problem solving literature and gain information from any resources deemed necessary to the process.

Mutual Accountability and Responsibility for Implementation of Agreement

Under this Agreement, the Parties with the assistance of the Monitor will implement a system that will measure the progress in meeting the Agreement goals. Referred to as the “Mutual Accountability Plan,” the process will examine behavior and/or attitudes demonstrated by the City, the Police Department, and the community in general. The process will use surveys, periodic observations and statistical compilations from official, as well as, unofficial reports to determine the overall effectiveness of the Agreement, the status of police community relations, and the perceptions of public safety and police fairness. An independent evaluator will be selected by the Parties to administer this process. Once selected, the evaluator will work with the Parties to develop and disseminate various public reports reflecting the findings.

Use of Force and Status of Terms to the Department of Justice Agreement

The City has also entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United States Department of Justice. The MOA speaks to police practices and procedures. Specifically, the MOA requires the Police Department to revise and augment its policies and procedures in the following areas:

- General Policies (Mental Health Response Teams and Foot Pursuit Policy)
- Use of Force Procedures
- Incident Documentation, Investigation, and Review
- Citizen Complaint Process
- Management and Supervision
- Training

Each quarter, the Police Department submits a report to the Monitor reflecting progress in the above areas. The last status report was submitted to the Monitor on February 12, 2004. This report and the related operational policies are available on the Cincinnati Police Department website for review.

Fair, Equitable and Courteous Treatment for All

The Agreement requires and the City demands that police services be provided in a fair, impartial manner, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, or ethnicity. Even prior to the execution of this Agreement, City Council approved legislation outlawing racial profiling. Pursuant to City Ordinance 88-2001, officers have been required to record information relative to the vehicle's occupants and the activities associated with the vehicle stop.

In November of 2003, an analysis of the traffic stop data was provided to the Monitor and the public in a report entitled "Police Vehicle Stops in Cincinnati" written by Drs. John Eck and Lin Liu and Lisa Growette Bostaph of the University of Cincinnati. (The analysis and the report were produced under a contract between the City of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati.) The traffic stop data continues to be collected and in the future will be reported as part of the "Mutual Accountability Plan". The traffic stop report, as well as, the Monitor's Report can also be found on the Cincinnati Police Department website.

Civilian Review

The Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) is charged with investigating serious interventions by police officers. A serious police intervention is considered, but not limited to, shots fired, deaths in custody, and major uses of force. This independent body also has the responsibility to review and resolve all citizen complaints in a fair and efficient manner. To accomplish these objectives, the CCA has three organizational components:

- Board of Directors (seven citizens)
- Executive Director
- Team of Professional Investigators

The adjudication of complaints and other pertinent issues are publicly discussed by the CCA Board in their bi-monthly meetings, which are televised on the City's cable television channel.

A. COMMUNITY PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING STRATEGY

COMMUNITY POLICE PARTNERING CENTER

The Community Police Partnering Center's Executive Director and Community Outreach Workers continued to work energetically during the second quarter of 2004 to advance the Center's mission of "successfully implementing community problem oriented policing throughout the City of Cincinnati."

In April, the Board of Directors adopted the *Community Police Partnering Center Strategic Plan For Years 2004 & 2005*. As a first step to accomplishing the goals outlined in this plan, communication equipment was installed at the Center's Urban League office (computers, phone system, internet service, etc.). Also, some interim staff members, who had previously been employed as contract consultants, are transitioning to full-time employment with the Center. Additionally, the Center's Executive Director, Richard Biehl, conducted interviews with new candidates for Community Outreach Worker and Administrative Assistant positions, in order to meet the long term staffing needs of the Center as outlined in the staffing plan. The current Center staff consists of an Executive Director, Mr. Biehl, and five Community Outreach Workers, one of whom serves as a "senior" Outreach Worker and assists with supervising other Community Outreach Workers. The Center expects to add additional Community Outreach Workers and an Administrative Assistant to the full-time staff early in the third quarter.

During the second quarter, Center personnel have increased community awareness of the Center and CPOP by developing materials that describe CPOP and the role of the Partnering Center in training and facilitating CPOP problem solving groups. This information was disseminated to the public through presentations at community meetings, in the media, and by utilizing our contacts from the "Friends of the Collaborative" to distribute information about CPOP via email. This outreach effort has resulted in an increasing awareness throughout the community about the Partnering Center, and an increased demand for SARA training and CPOP teams in new neighborhoods.

As the Partnering Center seeks to engage persons and institutions who have not previously been involved with police to address crime and safety issues, a survey instrument was developed to capture information about these "non-traditional" stakeholders. The Center developed the survey to track information about each person who participates in the SARA training, to include how the person was informed of the training. This documentation helps to ensure that our recruitment efforts are in fact reaching the people and organizations that may have been previously overlooked and are so vital to the long-term success of CPOP in Cincinnati. The document also provides a measurement tool to evaluate the quality and integrity of the implementation of the Center's CPOP efforts.

First and foremost, the Partnering Center's primary goal is to promote Community Problem Oriented Policing in partnership with the Cincinnati Police Department as the principal strategy for addressing crime and disorder in Cincinnati's neighborhoods. On March 17, 2004, Partnering Center staff attended a COP Supervisor's meeting at the Police Academy to

meet district neighborhood officers and sergeants to review the new CPOP curriculum and schedule for SARA training in new neighborhoods.

The initial SARA training schedule was prioritized by CPD according to District priority, or “hot spot” data, and proposed that all SARA training in new neighborhoods be accomplished by June 30, 2004. As Center Community Outreach Workers began to organize in new neighborhoods, it became apparent that more time would be needed to reach those “non-traditional” neighborhood stakeholders, thus neighborhoods were re-prioritized by District based upon community readiness and need for CPOP, in addition to relying on hot spot data. Community Outreach Workers, assigned by District, have worked with District Neighborhood Officers to adjust the schedule for neighborhood training and develop new outreach tools. To address concerns about the level of comfort among CPD and CPPC staff with regards to teaching the enhanced SARA curriculum in new neighborhoods, a series of training sessions for both CPPC and CPD personnel were held at the Tri-State Regional Community Policing Institute and the Community Building Institute in April and May, 2004.

During the current quarter, CPD and CPPC staff partnered to teach the SARA Problem Solving method in 13 new neighborhoods. The neighborhoods include:

District 2:

- Oakley, Hyde Park and Mt. Lookout – 10 people participated in a combined SARA training held on April 29, 2004.
- Kennedy Heights – SARA training held on May 27, 2004 (number of participants not yet available).

District 3:

- East & West Price Hill – 27 people participated in a combined SARA training held on May 19, 2004.
- Sedamsville & Riverside – combined training held on May 26, 2004 (number of participants not yet available).

District 4:

- Roselawn – 39 people participated in SARA training on April 20, 2004.
- Bond Hill – 19 people participated in SARA training on April 29, 2004.
- Paddock Hills – 19 people participated in SARA training on May 17, 2004.

District 5:

- Winton Place – 11 people participated in SARA training on April 29, 2004.
- Mt. Airy – 8 people participated in SARA training on April 12, 2004.

Other neighborhoods currently scheduled to receive SARA training are: East Walnut Hills, Hartwell / Carthage, Columbia Tusculum / California / Linwood / East End (combined training). Organizing continues in all Districts to build support for the SARA trainings.

After a SARA training is completed in a new neighborhood, Center staff, in partnership with CPD, schedule a follow-up meeting to determine if any problems have been identified since the training. At this post-training meeting, problems that fit the criteria contained in the curriculum (“two or more incidents of a similar nature, capable of causing harm about which

the public expects the police to do something”) are then listed and prioritized, and the group decides if they want to form a CPOP team to begin analyzing and responding to the particular problem.

In addition to working on engaging new neighborhoods and community stakeholders in the CPOP problem solving process, Partnering Center staff continued to support CPOP teams in the following neighborhoods during the second quarter:

<u>District 1:</u>	Cincinnati Business District/ Downtown, Over-The-Rhine, West End
<u>District 2:</u>	Evanston, Madisonville
<u>District 3:</u>	Lower Price Hill
<u>District 4:</u>	Avondale, Walnut Hills
<u>District 5:</u>	College Hill

Center staff members continue to meet with District Captains, Sergeants and Neighborhood Officers assigned to CPOP to strengthen the partnership, ensure uniform delivery of a quality CPOP product to the neighborhoods and to prioritize CPOP meetings and SARA trainings. As we move forward together, we are making progress to improve joint tracking of the CPOP process, first by equipping CPPC staff to utilize the EZ-tracker database, and also by establishing a system to accommodate joint facilitation of the CPOP process by both CPPC and CPD staff to ensure that the SARA process is applied effectively by CPOP problem solving teams and that progress is recorded accurately and completely.

Center staff is engaged in the following activities in various CPOP neighborhoods:

Cincinnati Business District /Downtown

The Partnering Center staff person assigned to this area has been meeting regularly at “Downtown Safety Sector” meetings with downtown stakeholders who meet at Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (DCI). The role of the Center staff person is to assist these sector groups in utilizing the SARA process if and when a problem that is amenable to this process is identified, and to expand the core group through ongoing community organizing. The CPPC staff person has been added to the Downtown Virtual Block Watch email list, and attends regular meetings of the Downtown Residents Council to continue to build support for CPOP.

Over-the-Rhine

The OTR CPOP team has focused a response to drug dealing, loitering with the intent to deal or purchase drugs, and other unlawful activity on 12th Street between Vine and Race streets. With resources provided by the Partnering Center from a U.S. Department of Justice document titled: *“Citizen Action for Neighborhood Safety: Community Strategies for Improving the Quality of Life”*, the team has chosen a series of tactics that will (1) broadcast community intolerance for drug activity, (2) deny drug dealers access to their usual marketing spaces, and (3) eliminate the sense of impunity that is at the heart of flagrant drug markets.

On May 7th, the team occupied a block normally teeming with by drug dealers and buyers by setting up an “outdoor cafe” serving coffee, donuts, juice, and inviting neighborhood residents and other stakeholders to participate in the activity. Hanging across the block was a large yellow banner with the message: “Do NOT Buy or Sell Drugs Here”. The team’s

response has also included fencing off an alley that had previously been used for drug activity, installing additional lighting on Republic Street, and putting a chain across a parking lot that previously had been used as a “cut-through” to a darkened area where drug dealing takes place. The result has been remarkable – On that day in May, for three hours during morning that is usually buzzing with open drug dealing and other illegal activity, the activity was effectively shut down by this action. District 1 Sergeant Maris Herold reports that police have seen a marked decrease in open drug activity since the event was held and since the alley and parking lot were closed off. A series of similar activities are being planned for the summer months. The Center continues to provide the team with “best practices” information from various resources we have compiled and will make available to assist them through this process.

The Center’s Community Outreach Workers were also successful in scheduling a SARA training session for the staff members and residents of St. Anthony Village, a resident community located at Green & Republic streets in Over-the-Rhine. Because there are huge concerns related to drugs, violence and retaliation against people who do get involved in positive community activities, there was some initial reluctance to engage in this process. However, after several meetings facilitated by CPPC staff, the residents agreed to learn more about SARA and how this problem solving approach can help them begin to resolve some of the significant crime and safety problems on their block. District 1 Captain Jim Whalen, Sergeant Maris Herold and P.O. Frank McGraw will help facilitate this process.

West End

Currently there are two CPOP teams active in the West End, and both are being supported by Partnering Center staff. One of the teams meets at the West End YMCA, and the other at the Dominican Community Services Center. Both groups have identified a problem and are working through the SARA model towards response.

On Saturday, May 8, the West End / Dominican Community Services CPOP group held a “Youth Day” event from noon until 4:30 PM. Over 200 youth and parents attended, and giveaways that were donated to the event included a 19” color television, two “Boom Boxes,” Kings Island tickets, Reds game tickets and other items. Hot dogs, potato chips, candy, juice and water were served and entertainment took place throughout the day, including remarks from former Cincinnati Bengal’s player Anthony Munoz. Over 20 non-profit organizations shared information about summer activities for kids and their parents. As a next step, the team plans to assess the response and determine if the information shared transfers to less unsupervised youth on the streets and increase enrollment in the summer programs.

The West End / YMCA Group have focused on the issue of assaults on West African immigrants living in the West End. They have identified that they need stronger lighting or additional lighting at some of the problem intersections, and the team is researching how to get this done. The team plans to hold a series of educational forums in June that will address safety issues with various members of the African community living in West End.

Evanston

The Evanston CPOP Team has grown tremendously since the first quarter. Residents involved with the Brooks Ave. Block Club have become active participants in CPOP

activities, and St. Stephens A.M.E. Church has organized an Evanston Clergy Alliance that will support CPOP problem solving efforts and reach out to at risk youth.

The team has kicked off a “Targeting Buyers” response to the problem of vehicles having quick and easy access to purchase drugs in Evanston’s main business corridor due to the close proximity of I-71. The team created a “hot spots” card and has enlisted several neighborhood stakeholders to monitor vehicle activity and record information about drug activity, to include the license plate of any cars involved. A postcard will then be sent to the owners of those vehicles, indicating that community members spotted their car in an area of Evanston that is known for “heavy drug activity” and cautioning them to be careful. The team also sent a letter to over a dozen neighborhood businesses to outline the community’s expectation for their business and to encourage more business owners to take an active and visible role in neighborhood improvement efforts.

Madisonville

The Madisonville CPOP team has continued their efforts to monitor activity and assess the success of their response to the first CPOP focus area, Bramble & Whetsel. The Team has also moved on to a new area of focus – the 5800 block of Madison Rd. (from Ravenna to Whetsel), and the area behind the strip mall that is at that location. The team helped beautify the area on May 15 by planting flowers donated by Lowe’s & Home Depot into the concrete flowerpots that were previously empty or filled with empty bottles, and other litter. The team continues to analyze crime data for that area, and look for repeat incidents that may be amenable to beginning a new SARA problem solving process.

Westwood

Center staff is working with District 3 Police to offer Partnering Center support to a current west side CPOP group that is currently solely supported by CPD and City staff. Partnering Center staff is engaged in the work of identifying the core group that has received SARA training, establishing relationships, and identifying additional community stakeholders to invite into the process.

Lower Price Hill

This is a community that previously received SARA training from CPD, but there was not a Partnering Center staff person to help facilitate a problem solving group until recently. Since a Partnering Center staff person has been assigned here, the group has continued to scan for problems that may be amenable to the SARA process. In April, the group worked with Roy James of the City’s Traffic and Engineering Department to discuss concerns about the lack of adequate lighting in the neighborhood. The team has also walked the neighborhood together to log problems, and determine which ones meet the criteria.

An additional group meets in Lower Price Hill for residents who speak Spanish as a primary language. The Center staff person assigned to LPH worked a table at the Hispanic Health Fair at Su Casa with members of the team to help distribute information about the Latino Beeper Project – a CPD developed program that enables a Spanish speaking person to receive assistance from an interpreter if they need to call 911- emergency.

Avondale

The Avondale team had a very successful response during the first quarter to the problem of drug activity at an abandoned gas station at the corner of Rockdale and Burnet Ave. (405 Rockdale). On April 20th, the group participated in a clean up of the lot and adjacent field, which was overgrown with weeds and contained old tires, empty bottles, papers, rusty car parts and a variety of other trash. Since then, the building owner had the remaining building on the lot torn down, and is in the process of donating the property to the Avondale community so they can put it to good use as a playground, a community garden, or other community use. District 4 police have reported a marked decrease in drug activity since this previous haven has been removed.

Building on this recent success, the team has begun an outreach effort to other community groups and individuals to invite them to participate in CPOP.

Center staff is also continuing to act as a liaison between the team and the Community Safety Initiative (CSI) manager employed by LISC to help coordinate efforts between the CPOP team and LISC, particularly on any problem-solving efforts that focus on the Burnet Avenue Business District.

Walnut Hills

CPOP in Walnut Hills is now addressed through the Safety Committee of the Walnut Hills Area Council. The team has continued to meet independent of the Council to engage in the SARA problem solving process.

Partnering Center staff is currently supporting the Walnut Hills CPOP / Safety Committee with several projects, including:

- Researching information about “Court Watch” initiatives that have been successful in other communities.
- Monitoring increased incidents of prostitution at several locations in Walnut Hills
- Developing a protocol for “Web Watchers” program that will train people to monitor CityWatcher.com cameras and log activity.
- Continuing to grow the team and increase interest in CPOP by conducting outreach efforts and holding meetings at various locations throughout Walnut Hills.

College Hill

The College Hill CPOP Team has been energetically supported by District 5 Officer Herb Noble prior to the arrival of a Community Outreach Worker from the Center. The Center staff member assigned to College Hill meets regularly with Officer Noble and with the team leaders to help keep the team focused on the SARA process and assist in documenting their success. The team is currently analyzing “hot spots” data to identify crime trends in College Hill. The Center staff person will continue to partner with Officer Noble to help the team determine their next CPOP problem, and begin working the SARA process to eliminate or reduce this problem. Center staff is also assisting the Team with recruitment of new members.

Strategies Implemented During the 2nd Quarter to Promote CPOP:

- The Center, in partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools, the Cincinnati Police Department, and University of Cincinnati, facilitated surveys for 6th, 7th & 8th graders in four CPS schools – Kirby, Chase, Washington Park and Vine Street Elementary. Following a thorough analysis of crime data from around those schools, the survey provided us with information from the children themselves regarding their perception of safety on their way to and home from school, and while they were at school. UC Criminal Justice graduate students then compiled the data into a report, which was then shared with school principals and CPS officials to determine the best response and use of resources. Efforts are underway to create a response that will address the issues identified by the survey.
- On April 27, more than 60 people attended an event at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church and hosted by Woman's City Club and League of Women Voters. The event, titled: "Partnering for Change: A Tool for Building Bridges" was designed to give people an overview of the SARA problem solving process, provide an opportunity for people to network with others from their neighborhood or Police District, and publicize the role of the Partnering Center as a tool to facilitate problem solving. People were recruited at the event, who will become "ambassadors" for CPOP and the Collaborative Agreement. More events such as this one are being planned for the third and fourth quarter of 2004.
- Executive Director Rick Biehl appeared in several media outlets, including InFocus, WCIN, and in several print articles, discussing CPOP and the role of the Partnering Center.
- Center staff participated in Neighborhood Safety Summits in Walnut Hills, College Hill, Avondale and Over-the-Rhine. (More information on the Neighborhood Safety Summits is contained within the City Activities portion of this section.)
- Center staff members have written articles about CPOP and upcoming SARA trainings in several community council newsletters and community newspapers.

As we move into the third quarter, the Partnering Center is poised to engage in significant outreach efforts to engage community stakeholders in CPOP with the assistance of several permanent new staff members, an office space that is centrally-located to Cincinnati communities, and resource core materials that will help promote CPOP throughout the community. Center staff will continue to utilize contacts made during community outreach efforts and through the Friends of the Collaborative and CPD to further the mission of CPOP, and will continue to train neighborhood stakeholders in the SARA problem solving method and aid neighborhood teams who then engage in this process. The Center continues to provide resources and assistance to the existing neighborhood CPOP teams, engage in community organizing and outreach to develop new CPOP teams, and work to advance the Center's mission to "successfully implement community problem oriented policing throughout the City of Cincinnati".

CITY OF CINCINNATI ACTIVITIES

The City continues to remain actively engaged with community groups, including the Community Police Partnering Center, in an effort to foster better relations between citizens and police. The collaboration has afforded police and citizens the opportunity to become active partners in addressing neighborhood crime issues, as well as, improving citizen's accessibility to other City services.

CPD continues to work and interact with community stakeholders to address crime and quality of life issues. The following is a sample of some of the activities that have been addressed throughout the Department.

I. Patrol Bureau

CPD routinely summarizes problem-solving activities conducted by the Patrol Bureau in a standards report required as part of the CALEA process. The last such report, released in February of 2004, outlined a number of these efforts. The following is a brief description of such problem solving activities.

DISTRICT ONE

Downtown Central Business District

Concerns identified by downtown stakeholders include aggressive panhandling, improper solicitation, breaking and entering of property, and an increase in thefts from autos. All of these concerns affect public safety and law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- District One Officers have facilitated a meeting between the Downtown Residents Council and an active Citizen's On Patrol organization to assist the residents council form a downtown Citizen's On Patrol.
- Preventative Patrol Reports are being used frequently to alert vehicle owners of personal property which was left in plain view and presented a potential for theft, if the items were not secured properly.
- Virtual Block Watch continues to be utilized by a network of business owners/operators, residents and police officials to communicate crime alerts, Current Activities Tips and quality of life concerns through e-mail communications.
- Theft from Auto Task Force has been implemented to address a significant increase in this crime category.

Mount Adams

Concerns identified in this area are disorderly bar patrons; significant noise and amplified music coming from liquor establishments; and an increase in thefts from autos. All of these concerns affect public safety and law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- Mt. Adams neighborhood police officers continue to work with residents and business owners/operators on proactive strategies to improve the safety and quality of life of this neighborhood.
- Theft from Auto Task Force has increased directed patrols and reminds community members to increase their diligence in removing potential items of interest from sight in their vehicles.

Over the Rhine

Concerns identified in this neighborhood are drug activity at several locations, prostitution and drug-related felonious assaults and robberies. All of these concerns affect public safety and law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The OTR CPOP team continues to address prioritized problems by using the SARA problem-solving model. The current problem being addressed involves drug sales at the intersection of 12th and Republic Streets. (A full description of this activity is stated above under the Partnering Center.)
- OTR sector groups are increasing the communication of crime and quality of life concerns through their monthly meetings.

Pendleton

Concerns in this area are drug sales, drug-related assaults, drug traffic patterns, criminal damaging and quality of life issues (i.e., litter, graffiti).

Current Activities:

- Pendleton has formed a CPOP team that is focused on changing the traffic pattern at East 13th and Reading road in an attempt to restrict the flow of drug buyers into the area and decrease the drug sales in the neighborhood.
- The Pendleton Citizen's On Patrol Program is attempting to revive this initiative and add new members to continue their preventative patrol program.

Queensgate

Concerns in this area are breaking and entering offenses.

Current Activities:

- Officers continue to meet with individual businesses that have experienced break-ins to offer strategies to harden the targets and limit the risk of future incidents.
- Neighborhood officers attended numerous community meetings to provide information regarding crime statistics, current police activities, as well as, to advise residents on crime fighting strategies.
- District One Officers are enhancing relationships with key stakeholders in the Queensgate Neighborhood to increase communication/awareness toward safety related issues/concerns. District One Officers are also represented on the Job Corps Community Relations Council utilizing this resource as a referral agency for persons requiring their services.

West End

Concerns in this area are drug sales and drug-related felonious assaults, robberies, prostitution, illegal operation of junkyards and dumping in alleyways and vacant lots. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- West End Neighborhood Officers are in the early stages of working with residents, property owners and business owners utilizing the SARA problem solving process to identify problems and craft solutions.
- The two West End CPOP teams have identified two problems: unsupervised youth in this community and the assaults on pedestrians including a large number of African Nationals.
- West End Business Association has initiated an aggressive plan to implement a series of neighborhood surveillance cameras funded and operated by local business with the intention of making an impact on “hot spots” for drug dealing, prostitution, and violence in the business corridor of the West End.

DISTRICT TWO

California

Concerns in the community include speeding along Kellogg Avenue and road hazards due to the lack of streetlights on Lineman Avenue. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- Decoy cars are being placed in the area to deter speeding.
- Neighborhood officer and administrative traffic cars are taking enforcement action against speeding.
- The neighborhood officer is working with Traffic Engineering on the placement of streetlights on Lineman Avenue.

Columbia Tusculum

Concerns in this community include speeding and truck enforcement on Columbia Parkway, drug activities along Eastern Avenue in area of McKinley School. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officers, relief officers, and traffic section are taking enforcement action against speeding and truck violations on Columbia Parkway.
- The neighborhood officer is working with Violent Crime Squad and OSC on the drug problems on Holbrook Avenue.

East End

Concerns in the community include speeding along Eastern Avenue, litter/dumping at the dead end of Setchell and Foster Streets, and juveniles loitering on Eastern Avenue at the LeBlonde Recreation Center and the resulting minor property damage during evening hours. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The administrative traffic car is taking enforcement action against speeding on Eastern Avenue.
- Directed patrols are being conducted around LeBlonde Center.
- Sanitation/Litter Patrol have been notified of the dumping on Setchell and Foster Streets.

East Walnut Hills/O'Bryonville

Concerns in the community include thefts from autos, drug activities on Fairfield Avenue, drug activities on Woodburn Avenue, prowlers in the neighborhood and speeding on Moorman and Hackberry Street (between W.H. Taft and McMillan streets). All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officer and shift officers are combating thefts from autos and the prowler problem with Current Activities tips and increased directed patrols in the area.
- The Violent Crimes Squad, neighborhood officers and Street Corner Unit continues to combat the illegal drug activities through enforcement and problem solving.

Evanston

Concerns in the community include drug activities on Woodburn Avenue, Fairfield Avenue, Trimble/Clarion Avenues, Dexter/Hackberry Street, Hewitt/Fairfax Avenues, litter on Fairfield and Hewitt Avenues and Hackberry Street, pit bull dogs and junk autos. All of these concerns effect law enforcement. A recent homicide and two shootings have increased police visibility in the area.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officer is strictly enforcing pit bull dog violations.
- Relief officers, neighborhood officers, Violent Crimes Squad, and Operation Street Corner units continue to investigate the drug problems. Curfew violations are being enforced and walking details are in place.
- The federal grant of Weed and Seed is being utilized in Evanston.
- Neighborhood Officers assisted in the development of Safe and Clean Grant application.
- Junk autos are towed on a weekly basis and the Community Council hired two street sweepers.
- Various block watch groups are active and working with police to combat these issues.

Hyde Park

Concerns in the community include speeding on Delta Avenue and 2700 block of Erie Avenue, and violent crime in Hyde Park Square. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- Speeding is being combated with increased patrol by the neighborhood officer and enforcement action by the administrative traffic car.
- Walking and traffic details are being conducted in Hyde Park Square to combat crime and traffic violations.

Kennedy Heights

Concerns in the community include drug activities at Kennedy/Zinsle Avenues, Kennedy Avenue/Montgomery Road, and Kennedy/Woodford Roads, and junk autos. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- Relief cars are aware of the problem areas and directed patrols have been generated on drug activity “hot spots”.
- The neighborhood officer is working with Street Corner units and Violent Crimes Squad to address the drug problems.
- The neighborhood officer continues to monitor and tow junk autos.

Linwood

Concerns in the community include speeding on Eastern Avenue and drug activity on Hutton and Kenilworth Avenues. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- Speeding is being addressed by increased patrol/enforcement action by the administrative traffic car.
- The neighborhood officer, relief officers, Street Corner officers and the Violent Crimes Squad are working together with residents to combat the drug activities.
- The neighborhood officer has conducted a security survey at the businesses on Beechmont Circle and directed patrols are being conducted in the area

Pleasant Ridge

Concerns include drug activities occurring at the Glengate Apartment Complex, thefts from autos, and junk autos. All these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officer, Violent Crime Squad, Operation Street corner units, and the Pleasant Ridge Citizens on Patrol continue to combat the drug activities in the Glengate Apartment Complex. Several evictions have occurred at the Glengate Apartment complex due to new ownership. A police detail to patrol the premise of Glengate Apartments is now in effect.
- The neighborhood officer and neighborhood block watches working together to combat the theft from autos.
- The neighborhood officer continues to educate citizens with Current Activities tips.
- Junk autos are towed on a weekly basis from the area.

Madisonville

Concerns include drug activities at Chandler/Whetsel Avenues, Peabody/Orlando Avenues, Roe/Whetsel Avenue (street violence/shootings have increased in these areas), abandoned buildings, litter and illegal dumping on Alpha Street, Redbank Drive, Charloe Street, Hidden Drive, and the railroad property, and junk autos. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officer, the Violent Crimes Squad, and Operation Street Corner units are investigating the drug problems in the area.
- The neighborhood officer and the Madisonville Citizens on Patrol have taken a

- proactive stance by increased presence/patrol in the area.
- The neighborhood officer continues to monitor and tow junk autos.
- The neighborhood officer is addressing the abandoned buildings through the Drug House Program and the Receivership Program and Madisonville has applied for a Safe and Clean Grant to combat the dumping and litter problems.

Mt. Washington

Concerns in the community include speeding on Beechmont Avenue, disorderly activity on Sutton Avenue and general nuisance complaints. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The Mt. Washington Citizens on Patrol and the neighborhood officer continue with increased patrol efforts in the residential areas to deter disorderly activity.
- Speed enforcement is being used to combat the speeding problems on Beechmont Avenue.

Oakley

Concerns include theft from vehicles and criminal damaging at the Drexel Apartment Complex on Wasson Road, drug activities and prostitution in 3300 block of Brotherton Road, speeding on Minot Avenue and Brotherton Road. All of these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officers and VCS are working together to combat activities on Brotherton Road.
- Increased patrols are being used to combat the theft problems at the Drexel Apartment Complex,
- A request for the speed wagon has been completed along with increased patrol in the area of Minot and Brotherton Roads.

Mt. Lookout

Concerns in the community include general nuisance complaints about patrons of the bars in Mt. Lookout Square (public urination, littering, vomiting on sidewalks) and thefts of flower/plant pots outside the businesses in Mt. Lookout Square (problems occur during the weekend). All these concerns effect law enforcement.

Current Activities:

- The neighborhood officers and Violent Crimes Squad continue to monitor the problems in Mt. Lookout Square with directed patrols and enforcement action.
- Walking details will be conducted on weekend evenings to combat the problems in Mt. Lookout Square. The neighborhood officer is working with a business owner to place trash cans in front Mt. Lookout Tavern to combat litter problems.

DISTRICT THREE

Saylor Park & Riverside

Main concerns expressed here are speeding on River Road and teenagers hanging out in the Saylor Park Business district during afternoon hours. Scooters have also become a focus of complaint by residents

Current Activities:

- The Relief Officers and Neighborhood Officer continue to strictly enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and laser speed detection devices. Also, a directed patrol during afternoon hours by the assigned neighborhood officer has been implemented to address the loitering of teenagers.
- Enforcement of license laws regarding electric/gas powered scooters has been targeted by patrol officers and the laws have been shared with the community council for public education.

Sedamsville

Concerns in this community include youths breaking into cars and buildings on Stiener Street, curfew violations, and junk autos.

Current Activities:

- Police are actively enforcing the curfew laws on a daily basis and coordinating curfew sweeps.
- Several arrests have been made for breaking into autos.
- Junked autos are towed on a regular basis and the overtime parking book is updated daily.

West Price Hill

Junk autos have been the main concern for this community during the winter months.

Current Activities:

- Neighborhood Officers continue to investigate and remove all vehicles found to be in violation.

East Price Hill

Concerns in this community include groups of teenagers (notably in the East Price Hill Business corridor on Warsaw Avenue) who congregate and engage in drug sales, property damaging, fighting, curfew violations and loud car stereos. An increase in street robberies has also occurred.

Current Activities:

- Curfew sweeps have had an impact on the number of youth found in the area.
- Neighborhood officers have also strongly enforced traffic violators in the area targeting loud car stereos. Walking Patrols have been established to increase police presence and enforcement.
- The Westside CPOP Team is looking at adding more street lighting to combat poorly lit areas in the business corridor.

North Fairmount

Concerns in this community primarily center on the issues of junked vehicles and quality of life.

Current Activities:

- The Westside CPOP Team has identified several single service delivery items at property addresses that will be targeted for enforcement to remove junk cars from lots on Harrison Avenue. Citations have been issued and warrants are in the works to clean up the problem.

East Westwood and Westwood

Concerns in this area center on drug sales at McHenry and Harrison Avenues, fighting, property damage, littering, loud car stereos and thefts in the area of Harrison Avenue (between Boudinot Avenue and White Street).

Current Activities:

- Neighborhood Officers are attending community meetings each month and providing Current Activities tips to residents.
- The Violent Crimes Task Force is investigating drug sales.
- The Westwood Citizens on Patrol are providing conspicuous patrol to further discourage above activities.

South Fairmount

Concerns in this community include drug sales, juveniles jaywalking and litter

Current Activities:

- Directed Patrol details have been established to concentrate resources in this community addressing these concerns.

English Woods

Concerns in this community include drug sales, trespassing, gambling, loud disorderly parties and disorderly juveniles.

Current Activities:

- Neighborhood Officers, Violent Crime Squad and the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority have been working in partnership to reduce the above-mentioned activities.
- Several “zero tolerance” unified sweeps have led to a reduction in illicit activities.

Fay Apartments

Concerns in this community include the drug sales, gunshots, and disorderly crowds that still plague the Community.

Current Activities:

- Increased police presence continues as a deterrent.
- Violent Crimes Squad continues to address drug and gun issues.
- Operation Street Corner has made several drug arrests and served search warrants.

South Cumminsville

Concerns in this community include drug sales, prostitution and gambling.

Current Activities:

- The Violent Crimes Task Force, Neighborhood Officers and Relief Officers continue to aggressively enforce all violations with the support of the Community. Offenses have been significantly reduced.
- A Safe and Clean grant was awarded to this community that will result in the installation of cameras in strategic locations to deter crime.

Millvale

Concerns in this community include drug sales and vandalism to buildings.

Current Activities:

- The Violent Crimes Task Force, Neighborhood Officers, Vice and the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing authority are jointly addressing drug complaints.

Lower Price Hill

Concerns in this community are primarily drug trafficking and prostitution, and a recent rash of serious auto accidents on River Road.

Current Activities:

- Neighborhood Officers have working with residents to pass on information regarding suspects and drug sale locations, as well as, identifying prostitutes, to the Violent Crimes task Force and Relief Officers for action. In addition walking patrols have been added to increase Police presence and enforcement.
- Directed patrols for radar enforcement have been established to reduce the number of serious accidents on River Road underneath the Wald Vogel Viaduct.

DISTRICT FOUR

Corryville

This neighborhood has been experiencing problems with large crowds gathering on the weekends spilling out from the night club Vertigos. Residents have also complained of drug dealing on East Daniels between Eden and Vine Streets. In addition, there have been several street robberies in the area of Glendora including the LaRosa's parking lot .

Current Activities:

- Neighborhood Officers, working with beat officers and District Four Violent Crime Squad, have coordinated directed patrols and surveillance. A four person squad has been initiated to help with these crowds on the weekends.
- The direction of camera coverage is being changed to target illegal activity and aid with monitoring the area.

Mount Auburn

Concerns in this neighborhood mainly surround the problems of drug dealing at Loth and Thill Streets, Burnet Avenue and Helen Streets, 100 Malvern Place, Dorchester Avenue, Bigelow Street and the 1900 block of Eleanor.

Current Activities:

- Officers are working with the Police Department's Street Corner Unit and Vice Units doing surveillance, intelligence gathering and sting operations for drugs.
- Neighborhood Officers are working with community leaders to form a Block Watch Association for the areas of Loth and Thill. There is also a new Police Sub-Station opening at 330 Helen Street.
- Neighborhood Officers are working with residents to schedule a new Block Watch group to meet once a month to review and address problems.

Walnut Hills

Concerns in this neighborhood are drug activity, street crimes, prostitution, illegal dumping and junk vehicles. There are major concerns at the Alms Apartments, 2525 Victory Parkway and 2529 Kemper Lane regarding unsanitary conditions in hallways and other common areas, problems with trespassing and illegal activity.

Current Activities:

- Officers are working with the Street Corner Unit and Vice Units doing surveillance, intelligence gathering and sting operations for drugs.
- The Citizens on Patrol have been a very active presence in deterring crime in the Walnut Hills area.
- The CPOP Team has identified illegal dumping as a problem requiring a non-traditional response. Increased surveillance using a camera is being done to apprehend violators.
- The Neighborhood Officer has begun working with other city agencies such as the Building Department, Health Department, Fire Department and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to enforce building code violations at the Alms Apartments. This has also become a CPOP initiative using Excel spreadsheets to collect property owner and tenant information to enforce criminal trespassing in these buildings.

Avondale

There are concerns of prostitution, building code violations, junk vehicles, and drug activity. In addition, there are also concerns of youth violence and involvement in high risk activity. Finally, Avondale has the 4th highest injury rate within Hamilton County with a high rate of violent crimes.

Current Activities:

- These concerns are being addressed through increased police manpower with additional directed patrols in and around the area.
- District Four's Violent Crime Unit, the Street Corner and Vice Units have increased surveillance and undercover drug buys.
- The Neighborhood Officer is working with other city agencies such as the Health Department, the Fire Department, Hamilton County Probation Department, Building Department, Mobile Crisis and the S.P.C.A. to bring this property up to code and reduce or eliminate other of quality of life indicators.
- Neighborhood residents are also working with Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Cincinnati Public Schools to identify at risk youth to participate in an Avondale Youth Basketball League. The goal of the project is to involve 128 youth in 16 basketball teams.

North Avondale

Concerns in this neighborhood are drug dealing and prostitution. In addition, there are also concerns of gambling, loitering, drug activity, building code violations, junk vehicles, overgrown shrubs, criminal and civil violations at the apartment building located at 3652 Reading Road. Other more general concerns include, juveniles breaking into cars along Mitchell Street, an increase in burglaries, assaults, property damage and complaints by residents of loud noise.

Current Activities:

- Officers are working with the Street Corner Unit and Vice Units doing surveillance, intelligence gathering and sting operations for drugs, prostitution and street robberies.
- The Neighborhood Officer and the CPOP Team are working on the concerns utilizing the SARA process. Other agencies such as, the Health Department, Building Department, the Fire Department, the Hamilton County Probation Department and Mobile Crisis are also involved.
- The Building Department has ordered a rooming house closed down since the owner was not properly licensed and the Fire Department found numerous fire code violations. All residents were vacated from the premises and the property was boarded up. Also, the SPCA removed over 30 cats from the premises.
- Flyers are being distributed letting parents know that they will be held responsible for their children's behavior and the Metropolitan Housing will serve evictions on problem tenants.

Paddock Hills

This community has concerns regarding traffic hazards and red light violations at numerous locations.

Current Activities:

- The Neighborhood Officer has contacted The Department of Traffic Engineering to study the locations in question. The District Traffic Units are also monitoring specified locations and strictly enforcing violations.

Bond Hill

Concerns in this neighborhood include drug dealing, loitering and trespassing in a coordinated effort by a gang from Chicago in the Anita Place area.

Current Activities:

- The Neighborhood Officer is working with the Street Corner and Vice Units doing surveillance, intelligence gathering and sting operations for drugs.
- The Neighborhood Officer is also working with area landlords regarding trespassing.

Roselawn

There have been a number of rapes, incidents of public indecency and suspected correlation of attempted burglaries. Banking institutions have also expressed concerns of potential robberies.

Current Activities:

- The Department's Personal Crimes Unit, District Four's Investigative Unit and the Neighborhood Officer are doing surveillance in the area and following up on leads.
- Additional directed patrols have been established in this area.
- Area landlords have been contacted and are cooperating by providing tenant lists and trespassing letters.
- The Neighborhood Officer is also conducting robbery task force training and workshops with the area banks on robbery prevention.

Carthage

Neighborhood concerns include criminal activity, such as, public indecency and open flasks. There are also concerns of abandoned vehicles and used car lot violations in the 7700 block of Vine Street.

Current Activities:

- The Neighborhood Officer continues to work with Su Casa and NCCJ to address illegal activity plaguing the Latino population in the Carthage area. In addition the Neighborhood Officer is taking Spanish classes for law enforcement to better communicate with the Latino community. Finally, there has been an increase in traffic enforcement in this area and a number of curfew sweeps.

Hartwell

Hartwell is experiencing an increase in drug activity along Anthony Wayne Avenue. Also, there was a shooting on Anthony Wayne Avenue.

Current Activities:

- The Neighborhood Officer is working with the Street Corner Unit which is doing surveillance and trying to make drug buys to combat this problem. She is also working with investigators to solve the shooting.

District Four hosts a monthly community resource meeting, which allows community leaders to voice their comments and concerns. Neighborhood Officers, Relief Lieutenants and the Neighborhood Unit Supervisor attend these meetings, and promptly attempt to solve these problems.

DISTRICT FIVE

CUF (Clifton Heights/University Heights/Fairview Heights)

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of loud disorderly parties, abandoned and junked autos, robberies, burglaries and thefts from autos.

Current Activities:

- District Five is working with the University of Cincinnati Police Department to address off-campus disorder through aggressive enforcement of alcohol and other vice-related activities. Planning meetings continue to be held to develop a comprehensive strategy to discourage large scale parties, work with those who host such parties and educate residents and property owners about the laws that pertain to hosting or participating in these activities.

- District Five officers issue Forms 650 and 651 (First and Second Responder Notices) when responding to large, disorderly parties and assist with shutting down parties that are or have the propensity to get out of control.
- District Five has been using Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) funds to increase the uniformed presence in this community in an effort to reduce the harm caused by these parties.
- In addition to the annual “Robbery Task Force” that runs from late-November until early January, District Five fielded a task force consisting of one supervisor and five officers to investigate thefts from autos and other crimes that negatively impact the quality of life in CUF.
- CUF Neighborhood Officers continue to track the robberies, burglaries, and thefts from autos that are reported in CUF to determine any significant trends. Officers distribute this information from the District Commander to the beat officers and investigators.
- Many of the burglaries in this neighborhood occur during the daytime, when most of the residents are away from home. Most of the entries have been made through either the side or rear of the buildings. Residents have been informed of this trend and how they can safeguard their residence.
- District Five officers are giving attention to violations of C.M.C. Section 910-10, Loud Music Ordinance. Officers are reminding citizens of this ordinance at community meetings and other gatherings and citing violators.

Winton Hills

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of drug activity, auto thefts, and curfew violators. These complaints are similar to those voiced by the community in previous quarters. Numerous auto thefts and recoveries have taken place in this community.

Current Activities:

- Violent Crime Squad (VCS) and Street Corner Unit personnel monitor these areas.
- Enforcement of the curfew ordinance is used to reduce juvenile involvement in criminal activity and to reduce the victimization of juveniles.
- Beat officers, investigators, and Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority detail officers routinely check the areas where auto thefts occur and the locations where these autos are abandoned.

Camp Washington

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of drug activity, litter, and abandoned houses.

Current Activities:

- The Camp Washington Neighborhood Officer is working with members of the Camp Washington Community Council, Camp Washington Housing Board, Citizens On Patrol, and other concerned citizens to reduce the negative impact of illicit drug activity in this neighborhood.
- The Neighborhood Officer also distributes a newsletter to Beat Two officers, VCS, and Street Corner Unit (SCU) personnel in an effort to effectively communicate about wanted persons and the crime trends that are occurring in Camp Washington. Property owners, where problems persist, are encouraged to sign “No Trespassing” forms that authorize the police to enter their property and investigate subjects found within. This has proven to be an effective deterrent to this activity.

- Neighborhood Officers are investigating complaints of abandoned and condemned buildings. In addition, she is working with the Building Inspector assigned to Camp Washington to address code violations.
- Camp Washington residents have implemented monthly ‘environmental safety’ and business association meetings. The Neighborhood Officer is the district’s liaison for these meetings.

Clifton

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of thefts from autos and panhandlers.

Current Activities:

- The number of thefts from autos have been reduced in this community. The hardest hit areas continue to be Brookline Drive and Bishop Street. The community council is willing to write letters to the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office requesting stiff sentences for those arrested for theft from auto offenses.
- Panhandlers continue to be a concern of this community. An off-duty walking detail in the business district has significantly reduced the problems associated with this activity.

Northside

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of drug activity; unruly juveniles, auto thefts, and illegal dumping. Most of these activities are interrelated. Drug activity is prominent in the areas of Chase Avenue, Fergus Street, Hanfield, and Witler Streets. Auto thefts, robberies, and assaults occur frequently in these areas.

Current Activities:

- VCS and SCU personnel have targeted these areas for enforcement. This community is also routinely targeted in the department’s “Community Response Team” focused intervention sweeps held monthly.
- District Five used PVO funds to target these ‘hotspots’ by increasing police visibility and enforcement action.
- “Citizens On Patrol” members give the ‘hotspots’ areas priority while on patrol and report on their observations.
- Beat officers are conducting Directed Patrols in an effort to reduce crime, discourage loitering, littering, and other nuisance activities.
- The Neighborhood Officer, in conjunction with members of the Northside “Citizens On Patrol”, Northside Business Association, Northside Community Council, and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, is working to identify locations where illegal dumping is occurring, inform citizens what to look for and how to report it, and to apprehend and prosecute those who are illegally dumping in this community.
- District Five officers are working with members of the Northside “Court Watch” to identify the offenders whose criminal activities are creating the most problems in the community and follow these court cases through the criminal justice system.

Winton Place

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of auto thefts; abandoned, junk, and overtime parked autos; litter; and unruly juveniles.

Current Activities:

- Many of the auto thefts and recoveries have been closed with arrests.
- Residents are encouraged to report abandoned, junk, and overtime parked autos for enforcement action by the Health Department and the District's junk auto investigator. Nuisance autos are being identified and removed.
- Personnel from the Health Department and Litter Patrol are involved in investigating litter and other health-related complaints.
- The Neighborhood Officer and the beat officers are giving attention to groups of unruly youths that gather in the neighborhood. The presence of these officers has reduced these complaints.

College Hill

Concerns in this neighborhood consist of drug activity; litter; pit bull dogs; abandoned, junk, and overtime parked autos; unruly juveniles.

Current Activities:

- The district's beat officers, Violent Crimes Squad, and Street Corner Unit personnel have made several drug arrests in the vicinity of Hamilton and Cedar Avenues, the most visible 'hot spot' for illicit drug activity in this community. The officers working the "Community Response Team" focused intervention sweeps frequently target this area.
- Litter Patrol and Health Department personnel are working with the police on nuisance properties.
- The College Hill Gardeners Club, College Hill "Citizens On Patrol", and Block Watch groups report litter; abandoned, junk, and overtime parked autos; and other conditions that decrease the quality of life in the community.
- An ongoing Directed Patrol has been established to address the unruly juveniles, especially in the business district. "Citizens On Patrol" members give this area priority when conducting patrols in the neighborhood.
- Information about wanted persons and recent criminal activity is distributed to "Citizens on Patrol" and Block Watch groups, who observe and report their observations to the police.

Mt. Airy

Drug activity; burglaries; robberies; speeding; and loud music are among the concerns most frequently experienced in this neighborhood. Many of the burglaries and robberies are directly connected to drug activity involving residents of a few apartment complexes. Complaints about noise violations have increased, most notably in the area of Rack Court and Flanigan Avenue.

Current Activities:

- The Neighborhood Officer has addressed burglary issues with the beat officers and VCS personnel.
- Officers are working with the property owners of buildings involving drug activity to identify the perpetrators. She is also notifying these owners of drug-related arrests. This has resulted in a number of evictions and a more peaceful community.

- Speed enforcement is being conducted on a frequent basis on Colerain Avenue, especially in the business district. Officers have been asked to cite all violators.
- The Neighborhood Officer is also notifying the owners of rental properties when complaints occur or citations are issued.
- There has been an increase in crime in the northernmost portion of Mt. Airy. Robberies, burglaries, criminal damaging, and an increase in radio runs for loud music are the most prevalent. A directed patrol has been initiated for this area. VCS and SCU personnel are targeting the area, including Flanigan Avenue, Rack Court, and Monfort Hills Avenue, Pameleen Court, and Shadymist Lane, especially during the monthly Community Response Team focused interventions.

Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)

The Cincinnati “Citizens on Patrol” Program was proposed by several Cincinnati City Council members in 1997. The program was modeled after one in Fort Worth, Texas. City Council approved the initial use of \$35,000.00 in Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant money for the implementation of the pilot program.

The responsibility for developing the program was assigned to the COP Coordinator. The responsibility for administering and coordinating the neighborhood-based program was assigned to the District Commanders.

While using personal vehicles to transport volunteers to and from patrol, a magnetic sign is affixed to the volunteer’s personal vehicle clearly identifying him/her and passengers as members of the Cincinnati Citizens on Patrol Program. Walking and fixed patrols however, are the only type of patrols that are permitted by the Citizens on Patrol program. COPP members patrol their neighborhoods on foot, bike and sometimes-in marked vehicles.

Three target neighborhoods in Cincinnati were chosen for the pilot project: Bond Hill (Still operating), Madisonville (Still operating), and South Fairmount (Disbanded). Council members and police officers attended community meetings in each of the three neighborhoods to explain the project and solicit volunteers. Application forms were developed and sent to the volunteers, along with a letter of explanation by the COP Coordinator.

The Police Training Section initially developed a 12-hour training curriculum for the COPP volunteers. The training was given over a three-day period. Training has since been modified to an 8-hour training course, completed in a one or two day training seminar. All training still continues to be presented at the Police Training Section. A minimum number of 20 students are required in order for a COPP training session to be cost effective.

In the winter of 2002, a sworn officer was appointed to oversee and nurture COPP which at that time had seven active units patrolling (Madisonville, Mt. Washington, Northside, Price Hill, College Hill, Westwood and Camp Washington). By the summer of 2002, the program had tripled in size and was active in twenty-one of the city neighborhoods.

At the same time a Civilian Coordinators Committee was formed. The committee is designed to allow members from throughout the city to network and work as a cohesive team in solving the many issues surrounding the program.

In 2003, the Cincinnati Police Departments Citizens on Patrol Program [COPP] fielded:

- 1,414 individual patrols
- 20,257 volunteer hours
- 20 different neighborhoods

Current COPP Neighborhoods Are:

- Mt. Washington
- Madisonville
- Kennedy Heights
- Pleasant Ridge
- Hartwell
- Carthage
- Walnut Hills
- Downtown
- West End
- Sayler Park
- West Price Hill
- East Price Hill
- Lunken Airport
- Parks
- Westwood
- College Hill
- Northside
- Camp Washington
- CUF
- East Westwood
- Clifton Heights
- Bond Hill

Neighborhoods Forming COPP (anticipated patrols by October 2004)

- Lower Price Hill
- Sedamsville
- Mt. Adams
- Evanston

Besides the obvious impact on the quality of life, COPP has 553 active volunteers and has trained over 800 citizens since it's inception in 1997.

The Cincinnati Police Department also employs volunteers in the following capacities:

- Volunteer Surveillance Team
- Desk Officer Assistant
- Support Drivers

Safety Summits

City Councilmember David Pepper has orchestrated a series of safety summits in the various neighborhoods. The summits focus on neighborhoods that have seen the most violent crime in 2004. The point of the summits is to bring together police, citizens and other stakeholders in each neighborhood to assess the each community's crime challenge and to determine what particular action steps can be taken. On average, approximately 70-80 people participate in each event.

- The West End Safety Summit was held in January of 2004. (A copy of the agenda has been included in Appendix Item 2.)
- The Walnut Hills Safety Summit was held in March of 2004. (A copy of the agenda has been included in Appendix Item 3.)
- Over the Rhine Safety Summit held in April of 2004. (A copy of the agenda has been included in Appendix Item 4.)

Cincinnati Human Relations Commission

On May 20, 2004, the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC) facilitated the Second Annual Solutions 2004 Youth Forum at the Xavier University Schiff Family Conference Center. Area youth were invited to attend and participate in discussions which included topics on careers and education, race relations and violence prevention, physical and mental health awareness, and police-community relations. (The Forum agenda is included in Appendix Item 5.)

The CHRC monitors have also been interacting with area youth and distributing the "Operation Impact" communication pamphlet. The pamphlet provides youth information about available resources and services, personal responsibility, legal tips, and what to do if stopped by police. To date 3500 of the brochures have been distributed. CHRC intends to distribute a total of 10,000. (A copy of the pamphlet has been included in Appendix Item 6.)

II. CPD Investigative Bureau

Community Response Teams

CPD continues to address excessive law enforcement issues through regular deployments of the Community Response Team (CRT). Through active enforcement efforts, the CRTs attempt to reduce criminal activity, victimization, and community concerns of crime in the affected areas. In 2004, five CRTs have been deployed, with the most recent one being May 20 and May 21, 2004. Prior to a CRT deployment, a meeting is held with the various community stakeholders from "hot spots" and other selected areas to gather input, verify information and to solidify deployment plans. Using the information gathered through this process, the CRT has generated the following activity year to date:

Arrests

Adult Felony Arrests	259
Adult Misdemeanor Arrests	572
Juvenile Felony Arrests	34
Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests	42

Seizures

Cocaine	627.02 Grams
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Marijuana	7676.87 Grams
Heroin	9.40 Grams
Pharmaceutical Drugs	159.50 Doses
Firearms	11.0

III. CPD Training Section

The Training Section interacts with the community through several different programs and committees. The following is an example of the police-community interaction sponsored by the Training Section.

Citizen Police Academy

The Training Section has completed its second Civilian Police Academy for 2004. The first academy was conducted in coordination with the Mental Health Association and was attended by approximately 25 mental health professionals. The second academy was directed at church organizations and members of the clergy. Again, approximately 25 members graduated from this academy. The third academy class is scheduled to begin on June 12, 2004. The Training Section attempts to conduct four classes each year.

Student Police Academy

In May 2004, the Training Section offered a two day Student Police Academy. The program allows community youth to interact with police. Approximately 80 youth attended the academy. The event was sponsored by Key Bank, who provided shirts and food for the attendees.

Recruiting/Selection Committee

This is a group of community volunteers meet on a monthly basis to provide the Training Academy with citizen input and assistance on recruiting police applicants with a focus on women and African Americans. The committee develops and reviews recruiting materials, contacts with media outlets and advertising agencies. As a result, an entire recruiting strategy complete with radio and television commercials was created.

Citizen Police Advisory Committee (CPAC)

CPD engages this group to seek civilian input on training and recruitment. The committee assists in both recruit selection, serving as oral board members, and cadet selection.

Youth Services Section

The following represents a sample of Youth Services' problem solving activities. In future reports, CPD will include non-traditional law enforcement activities, such as the Police Athletic League and other police-youth activities which usually occur during the summer months.

Problem: PO David Hamler reported traffic congestion both before and after school in front of the Shroder High School. Over fifty parents, eleven metro buses and four yellow school buses were dropping off and picking up students in the turn around area and parking lot in front of the school. There was a gridlock every time.

Update: Officer Hamler solicited help from Traffic Engineering and had some signs changed to prohibit parking during certain hours. He also met with school officials to have more

signs added to the school property to assist in the movement of traffic. He also had school teachers present during these times to keep traffic flowing. So far, the plan is working.

Problem: PO Eddie Hawkins reported a problem with Quebec Heights School students. At dismissal time (approximately 1515 hours), the students who walked home, were fighting and causing minor property damage to the neighborhood. Neighbors were upset by this behavior.

Update: Officer Hawkins met with several of the neighbors and the school officials, as well as the District Three Neighborhood Officers to formulate a plan. The school assigned teachers and security personnel to local streets. The Neighborhood officers would be in the area as much as they could and Officer Hawkins himself would be in the area. Officer Hawkins also had the neighbors call police as soon as they saw any problems brewing. So far, this has worked.

Problem: Specialist Cliff Mitchell worked on a truancy issue of an at-risk student at Mother of Mercy High School. This particular student was not coming to school or was constantly late in arriving. The school turned to Specialist Mitchell to assist. He was able to ascertain that the student was suffering from severe depression due to family issues. She and her mother were on the verge of being evicted from their apartment and the mother was out of work.

Update: Specialist Mitchell met with student, mother, and the school counselor to devise a plan. Also sought assistance from Job and Family Services. They provided job opportunities for the mother and with some counseling, the student has attended school on a regular basis.

Problem: PO Janice Moore working on project from Washington Park School. Over the past year there have been several random discharges of firearms in the neighborhood. Some of the projectiles have made their way to school windows after school hours. They are also experiencing trespassing onto school grounds after hours. These trespassers are vandalizing, urinating and fornicating on the property.

Update: The school PTO and teacher's area working to keep a closer eye on the surrounding neighborhood and have been encouraging parents to report any suspicious activity they see. An application for Clean & Safe money through the District One Neighborhood officers was made. This school is the focal point of a new partnership program involving the Board of Education, police, and the new Partnering Center.

Problem: PO Thomas Owens is working on a problem involving W.E.B. Dubois School. Children walking to and from school are sometimes exposed to prostitutes and transvestites working the area.

Update: Officer Owens contacted the District One Neighborhood officers and a Form 305 was made. The area was given extra attention as a result. The problem has been dramatically curtailed and Officer Owens has had no further complaints.

Problem: PO Phil Penn was working a problem at Woodward High School .Students were gathering in a certain area of the school which was out of the main stream of students and

teachers. In October, a student reported that she was raped in this area. Upon further investigation, evidence of drugs was also discovered there.

Update: Officer Penn worked with school officials to have a camera installed in this area and to have it monitored on a more consistent basis. A camera was installed and there have been problems with this. Officer Penn continues to work with staff to identify any other hot spots that crop up.

Problem: PO Eric Pryor was working on a problem at Walnut Hills High School. There have been reports of assaults and harassment of students by neighborhood juveniles and young adults while these students are walking to and from school.

Update: The SRO met with school officials and the District Two Neighborhood officers. Foot patrols were conducted on a random basis. The SRO and D-2 police have kept non-students off the property and monitored behavior. Officer Pryor continues to keep an eye on this, but recently the problems have subsided.

Problem: High number of juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system.

Update: The Cincinnati Police Department in conjunction with the Lighthouse Youth Services has initiated a youth outreach program. Juvenile referrals are screened for those who have either been given citations for minor activity or are suspected of being involved in criminal activity before they become formally involved with the Juvenile Justice system. We meet with them on a monthly basis for updates on their home visits. As of 12/31/03, there were a total of 676 referrals made to LYS.

Problem: The high rate of unexcused absences in the Cincinnati Public Schools on a daily basis. Current unexcused absences are at a rate of at least 6%. That is over 3,000 students each day.

Update: Youth Services coordinated truancy sweeps with the five districts. As of the end of December, 2003, there were a total of 150 truants processed by CPD. We have other round-ups scheduled for this school year.

OUTSTANDING CPOP IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

- The Plaintiffs continue to work on finalizing their input on the CPOP deliverables draft developed by the City for review and comment.
- The City is still working on the development of organization plans, job descriptions and performance evaluations consistent with CPOP as directed by Collaborative paragraph 29o.
- The RFP for the Records Management System (CA ¶29q) has been forwarded to the Monitoring Team for review and comments. In addition, the RFP has been sent to the City's Purchasing Department for finalization and release.
- The Plaintiffs and the FOP have yet to formulate a plan to work with District Commanders to discuss and audit training needs.
- The Plaintiffs have agreed to take the lead role in developing the CPOP Annual Report, which will reflect CPOP activities for the second year of the Agreement.

The CPOP Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss these issues. The agendas from the meetings are included as Appendix Item 1.

B. MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY EVALUATION

Collaborative Items 30-46

Evaluation Protocol

Monitor's Assessment

The Monitor noted that progress has been made by the Parties in selecting the RAND Corporation as the Evaluator, and in agreeing to the general terms in the scope of services. The Monitor also noted, however, a contract has not yet been negotiated and work on the Evaluation has not started.

Status Update

As the Monitor has been made aware, the initial proposal submitted by the RAND Corporation significantly exceeded the funding set aside by the City for the Evaluation project. Accordingly, in the last report, the Parties discussed the challenges associated with modifying RAND's initial scope of services to meet available funding available while maintaining the evaluation components necessary to ensure an adequate assessment of the Agreement goals.

The Monitor then offered a plan that reduced the amount of City funds required to be deposited into the Monitoring escrow account with the court. The offer allowed another \$1.12 million to be applied to the project over the five year projected duration, which allowed the Parties to work with RAND to develop a revised scope of services consistent with the additional amount of funding available.

The revised scope of services proposes collection of data through seven significant areas of evaluation:

- Survey Generated Data
- Traffic Stop Analysis
- Periodic Observations and Problem-solving Processes
- Statistical Compilations
- Evaluation of Video and Audio Records
- Evaluation of Staffing
- Evaluation of Reports

1. Survey Generated Data

Community Police Satisfaction Survey

Twice during the projected life of the contract, RAND proposes to randomly survey 1000 participants regarding their opinion of CPD and knowledge of CPD activities, including questions about the perceived fairness and professional standards of the force. Respondents will be poled from the City's 52 neighborhoods and under this proposal the results will be presented by grouping the results into ten neighborhood tracks.

Citizen/Police Interaction Survey

Twice during the contact period, RAND will conduct a random survey of 1000 citizens who have been in contact with police twelve months prior to mailing the survey to respondents. The survey will attempt to measure the citizen perception of the officer's behavior during the interaction, including questions about the perceived fairness and professional standards of force.

Police Officer Survey

Twice during the contract period, RAND will survey a sample of 100 officers with a significant number of public contacts. This component will assess officers' perception of personal safety, citizen support, working conditions, officer morale, organizational barriers to effective policing and perceptions of fairness in evaluation and promotion.

Complaint and Internal Review Survey

Each year during the first four years of the contract period, RAND will survey 1609 officers and 160 citizens who are involved in the citizen complaint process. The survey will attempt to assess the perceived fairness of the complaint process and final resolution, as well as eliciting suggestions for improvements.

2. Traffic Stop Analysis

During each year of the contract, RAND will conduct an analysis of traffic stop data generated by the contact card information entered by CPD. Using multiple methods to address disparity issues, this component will also analyze the outcomes of stops, such as citation rates, duration of the stop, search outcomes in an attempt to assess race bias in actions taken after the stops.

3. Periodic Observations and Problem-Solving Processes

RAND proposes to examine community problem solving processes by reviewing four types of information:

- Interactions and processes at meetings
- Written documentation on meetings and problem solving projects
- Interviews of key participants
- Survey data

RAND will initiate this process each year during the first four years of the contract and will examine at least 20 meetings or problem solving projects in each of these years.

4. Statistical Compilations

During the first four years of the contract, RAND will review statistical compilations produced by the City. Based on the review, RAND proposes to look for patterns and suggest additional interpretation and insights onto what the patterns of data may suggest or how the patterns have changed over time.

5. Evaluation of Video and Audio Records

Through the review of CPD audio and video records, RAND proposes to assess behaviors of officers/citizens during interactions. According to RAND, there will be three components to this process:

➤ **Sampling**

This task will be conducted annually for the first four years of the contract and will review approximately 300 police citizen encounters.

➤ **Coding**

This process will convert the information from video and audio records into meaningful data regarding police citizen encounters. While reviewing these records, RAND will attempt to make assessments of the behaviors exhibited by those involved in the encounter in three separate areas: the description of events, verbal and nonverbal cues and emotional/psychological states. The specific measurements are further defined in the revised scope:

Description of Events

- Length of time the civilian is detained
- Amount of time spent visually searching an involved vehicle
- Amount of verbal communication by the officer (word counts)
- Amount of communication by the civilian
- Number of officers around an involved vehicle

Verbal and Nonverbal Clues

- Personal distance/body orientation
- Officer speech errors
- Conversational turn taking
- The verbal greeting used

Emotional/Psychological State

- Anger
- Attentiveness
- Regret
- Contrition
- Humor
- Confusion

➤ **Analysis and Reports**

Differences discovered in these areas will be evaluated as a function of the race of the officer and the race of the civilian involved. Significant findings will be noted and appropriate suggestions will be included in reports distributed by RAND.

6. Evaluation of Staffing

During each year of the contract, RAND will use CPD data to analyze various staffing and personnel issues. Any assessments and/or suggestions will also be included in RAND reports.

7. Evaluation of Reports

Data gathered from the processes described above will be utilized to track the Parties' progress in meeting the five chief goals of the Collaborative Agreement. These findings will be captured by RAND in their annual report to the Parties.

Outstanding Issues

Before a contract with RAND can be finalized, the Parties must work out the issue of reporting survey results as proposed by RAND in the revised scope. The Parties insist on reporting the data by the 52 individual neighborhoods as opposed to the ten neighborhood group method proposed by RAND. The matter of grouping the 52 neighborhoods into 10 neighborhood tracks is an issue of concern particularly for the FOP. A meeting is scheduled of the Evaluation Committee to explore options to move this component forward.

C. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Collaborative Items 47-49

Terms of the Memorandum of Agreement

Monitor's Assessment

None Noted

Status Update

The City has outlined progress with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement in the Quarterly Status Report to the Monitor dated May 12, 2004. Copies of the report have been distributed to the Collaborative Parties in addition to being posted on the CPD website.

Pointing Firearms Complaints

Monitor's Assessment

The investigations of complaints of improper pointing of firearms from March 2000 to November 2002 were forwarded to Conciliator Judge Michael Merz in July 2003. The Parties also submitted supplementary materials to Judge Merz for his review in making his decision under Paragraph 48. On November 14, 2003, Judge Merz issued his decision. Judge Merz determined that there has not been a pattern of improper pointing of firearms by CPD officers. Therefore, CPD officers will not be required to complete a report when they point their weapon at a person. The Parties are in compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 48.

Status Update

The City has nothing to report in this area.

D. “TO ENSURE FAIR, EQUITABLE AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT FOR ALL”

Collaborative Items 50-54

Monitor’s Assessment

A. Traffic-Stop Data Collection

CPD is collecting traffic stop data on its contact cards, but the data is not being analyzed. The Parties are not yet in compliance with this requirement.

Data Collection on Pedestrian Stops.

The Parties are not in compliance with this requirement of the CA.

Favorable Interactions

The Parties are in compliance with this CA requirement, although the public campaign to document favorable police interactions has not yet been developed.

Unfavorable Interactions

The Parties essentially have agreed on the form to be used to collect this information and on a protective order to ensure confidentiality. Minor holdups appear to have hindered the Parties from implementing this data collection. The Parties need to resolve any remaining issues and begin collecting the data. While progress has been made, the Parties are not in compliance with this requirement.

B. Training and Dissemination of Information

Based on the information reviewed by the Monitor, the Parties are in compliance with this provision. However, we plan on evaluating the CPD’s continuing efforts on Bias-Free Policing training, and look forward to working with the Parties on this issue.

C. Professional Conduct

In addition to reviewing the CPD’s procedures, the Monitor has reviewed a number of CCRP complaints alleging discourtesy over the last four quarters. While it is certainly true that there have been incidents where officers have not conducted themselves “in a professional, courteous manner,” we have found that the CPD has sustained the complaints in those instances and taken appropriate action. Another method of evaluating compliance with this provision would be a random review of MVR tapes of traffic stops. The Monitor has not yet undertaken such a study. However, review of videotapes is one of the components of the Evaluation Protocol that the Parties will use to measure progress on the Agreements. Once the Evaluation Protocol gets underway, the Monitor will have additional sources upon which to base our compliance assessment.

Based on the information we have to date, the City is in compliance with the professional conduct provision of the CA.

Status Update

I. Traffic Stop Data Collection

As stated in previous reports, CPD has prioritized the entry of data derived from the contact cards submitted in 2003. Once RAND begins work the data will be available for the analysis.

a. Data Collection on Pedestrian Stops

In regards to this issue, the City will be submitting correspondence to the Monitor under separate cover.

b. Favorable Interactions

The Report of Favorable Police conduct has been adopted by the Parties and implementation has been achieved. As reported in the MOA status report by the City, 50 of the reports were processed by CPD during the first quarter of 2004. The report form is available at CPD and public facilities; on the CPD website; and a supply is also maintained in CPD vehicles. To ensure inventory levels remain adequate, CPD has initiated inspection processes for the following areas:

- i. CPD Facilities
- ii. CPD Neighborhood Substations
- iii. Designated Public Facilities (Libraries, Recreation Centers etc)
- iv. Designated CPD Vehicles

The above inspections are completed on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

c. Unfavorable Interactions

The Parties are still working to create a final version of this report. The FOP has taken the lead responsibility on this matter. At this time, the FOP is researching the costs associated with placing lockboxes in CPD facilities to ensure the security of these reports.

II. Training and Dissemination of Information

The Training Section is exploring the possibility of ongoing Professional Traffic Stop/Bias Free Policing training. Efforts continue to identify a suitable curriculum and vendor.

III. Professional Conduct

The City has nothing to report in this area. Although, CPD would like the opportunity to discuss with the Monitor the proof of compliance for Professional Conduct beyond the incorporation of the language from CA Paragraph 54 into CPD policies.

E. CITIZEN COMPLAINT AUTHORITY (CCA)

Collaborative Items 55-89

Monitor's Assessment

Establishment of CCA and CCA Board

The City is in compliance with the provisions relating to establishing the CCA agency and CCA board. At the February All-Party meeting, the Parties discussed providing additional training for CCA board members and staff. While the Parties have complied with the CA requirement that CCA board members undergo a basic course of training before assuming office, board members expressed an interest in ongoing training, including additional training from the CPD and the Academy, training on review of investigations, and on police management and oversight. We believe such training can be very beneficial. We note that the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) has arranged for training of civilian review bodies in other jurisdictions.

Executive Director and Staff

It is clear that the lack of a full time executive director has hindered the CCA's activities. All aspects of the CCA have been impacted, from direction to the investigators, complaint review, preparation for and conduct of CCA board meetings, analysis of complaint patterns, and preparation of a CCA annual report. That being said, the CCA staff and board are to be commended for the work they have done in the absence of a full time executive director.

The Parties are now in compliance with the CA requirement that the CCA be staffed by a minimum of five investigators. However, because a permanent executive director has not been selected, the Parties are not in compliance with the CA provisions relating to the executive director.

CCA Investigations and Findings

In addition to the review of individual complaints, paragraph 83 of the CA calls on the CCA to examine complaint patterns that might provide opportunities for the CPD and community to reduce complaints. Following the identification of such patterns, the CCA and the CPD are to jointly undertake a problem solving project to address the issues raised. To date, most of the CCA's activities have been limited to complaint investigation and review. The CCA board has made some policy recommendations to the CPD, however, based on its review of a complaint. Once an executive director is selected and working, and now that the CCA has a more complete complement of investigators, it is expected that the CCA can devote greater attention to the analysis of complaint patterns and trends.

Finally, the CA requires that the CCA issue public, annual reports summarizing its activities in the previous year. The CCA is currently preparing the annual report summarizing its activities for 2003.

Status Update

Establishment of CCA and CCA Board

During this period, the Citizen Complaint Authority became a member agency of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement and the International Association of Chiefs of Police – Model Policy Center. Representatives of CCA are scheduled to attend the NACOLE Conference in the Fall of 2004 in Chicago, Illinois.

Executive Director and Staff

The CCA has a permanent fulltime Executive Director. Currently CCA is in the process of developing internal operational procedures so that CCA is capable of managing the investigative oversight responsibility in an effective, efficient manner and establish the infrastructure of the agency annual report. Currently, CCA has experienced difficulty in accessing the shared database. As stated in the CA, CCA and CPD will create a shared electronic database that will track all citizen complaints, including the manner, which they were addressed, and their dispositions. The unreliability or availability of the database creates a significant disconnect between CCA and the realization of compliance; and adversely impacts on CCA's requirement to devote greater attention to the analysis of complaint patterns and trends. In the short term, CPD and CCA are working to correct the functionality of the shared data base technology. However, in the long term CCA will become a user to CPD's Employee Tracking System, which will provide access to a more comprehensive database.

CCA Investigations and Findings

The CCA will develop the operational protocol, which establishes the role of policy, tactics and training in conducting investigations of police citizen interactions that fall within its jurisdiction.

As the CCA moves toward this model of investigations, investigators will provide a comprehensive summary of evidence collected and mention whether certain witnesses' accounts were consistent with other witnesses or with physical evidence. Additionally, they will include the basis for the encounter, e.g. traffic stop, dispatched assignment, citizen flag down, etc. The final investigative report will include: (1) a description of the force incident and any other uses of force identified during the course of the investigation; (2) a summary and analysis of all relevant evidence gathered during the investigation; and (3) proposed findings and analysis supporting those findings.

The CCA proposed investigative and reporting protocols have been included in Appendix Item 2.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

CA Steering Committee Meetings

The Parties continue to meet on a monthly basis to provide updates and discuss issues and concerns related to implementation to the Agreement. Agendas and summaries of these meeting are included in Appendix Item 3.

APPENDIX

1. CPOP Committee Meeting Agendas
2. CCA Investigative and Reporting Protocol
3. CPOP Steering committee Agendas and Summaries